Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 at 04:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period with mainly southeasterly winds and the eastern ranges seeing the worst of the poorer conditions. Medium confidence for the amount of cloud and rainfall for the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020: Mainly dry but quite cloudy morning, brighter afternoon. Rain in far west in evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	10%	10%	20%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Weather: A rather cloudy morning with patchy rain and summit snow then a drier spell the cloud breaking in the afternoon. Any periods of sunshine will be short lived as cloud thickens from the west later in the afternoon with rain and summit snow reaching Skye and the west coast ranges in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% in morning then 60% chance in afternoon falling 20% over Skye during the evening.

Visibility: Moderate in morning then mainly good away from cloud in afternoon and poor over Skye in evening

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/18 SW	18/22 SW	23/27 S	27/32 S	29/34 SE	28/33 SE	29/35 SE
900	15/18 SW	18/22 SW	22/26 S	27/32 S	25/30 SE	24/29 SE	25/31 SE
600	10/14 SW	13/16 SW	15/19 S	16/23 S	16/22 SE	15/20 SE	17/22 SE
300	5/15 W	5/17 SW	2/16 S	3/19 S	2/15 SE	2/15 SE	3/16 SE
Glen	5/13 SW	5/12 SW	4/11 SE	7/16 SE	7/16 SE	7/15 E	9/18 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-5	0/-6	-1/-8	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-10	-1/-9
900	2/-4	1/-5	0/-7	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8
600	3/-0	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4
300	5/3	4/2	4/3	4/2	3/2	3/1	3/1
Glen	7/5	7/5	7/6	6/4	6/4	6/3	6/3
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	800m	700m	700m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southeasterly winds set to strengthen in the afternoon and feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020
Weather: A weak weather front will sit across much of Scotland on Thursday with cloudy dull conditions and some outbreaks of light rain, or snow above 1000m, at times. Staying mainly dry on more northerly ranges around Ben Assynt and Ben Hope. Rain becoming heavier on Thursday night.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some low cloud is likely for some western ranges in the morning around 500m, further north and east bases should be around 6-700m. In the afternoon 60% chance of some breaks in the cloud with a better chance likely in the north.

Visibility: Good visibility, perhaps moderate in outbreaks of rain and poor in any wintery conditions on the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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